Waiting List for Telephones in Major Cities of Bihar

312. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons who are in the waiting list for telephones in major cities of Bihar as on 19th June, 1995; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken by Government to clear the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No. of persons in the waiting list for telephones in major cities of Bihar as on 30.6.95 are 13372 as detailed below:—

1. Patna	3112
2. Muzafferpur	812
3. Jamshedpur	5244
4. Gaya	1188
5. Ranchi	441
6. Dhanbad	972
7. Bhagalpur	1603
Total:	13372

(b) It is proposed to provide 69300 new telephone connections during 1995-96 in Bihar Circle including the major cities mentioned in reply to Part (a) against waiting list of 27999 for the State as a whole only, as on 30.6.95.

As per the National Telecom Policy 1994 the target of providing telephone connections on demand all over the country is to be reached by 1997 and investment from private sector is to supplement the efforts of Department of Telecom in achieving this target. The development plans are being made accordingly by the Department.

Joint Ventures to set up food processing units in Gujarat

313. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently signed any agreements with NRIs for setting up food processing industries in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of joint ventures set up or are to be set up in the State of Gujarat during 1994-95 and 1995-96 District-wise;

(d) whether the entry of multinational companies in this sector will help in improving the Indian economy;

(e) whether any study has been made in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) This Ministry has not signed any agreements with NRIs for setting up food processing units in the State of Gujarat. However, the details of joint-venture proposals, involving NRI investment, approved by the Government in the State of Gujarat during 1994-95 and 1995-96 are annexed (*see* below).

(d) to (f) The entry of multinationals in the food processing sector is expected to help in better utilisation of the agricultural produce, generate employment, expand market, increase value addition and help exports. No specific study has, however, been made in this regard by this Ministry.

Statement

Details of Joint Venture proposals involving NRI investment approved by the Government for the State of Gujarat during 1994-95 and 1995-96

District	No. of Proposals	Project Cost	NRI Investment
Vadodra	1	Rs. 800 lacs.	Rs. 187 lacs
Ahmedabad	1	Rs. 547 lacs.	Rs. 75 lacs

भारत-भूटान का परस्पर सहयोग

314. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारत और भूटान इस समय किन-किन क्षेत्रों में परस्पर सहयोग कर रहे हैं;

(ख) भविष्य में ये दोनों देश किन-किन क्षेत्रों में परस्पर सहयोग करेंगे; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत ने ऐसे सहयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए भूटान को वर्ष-वार कितनी-कितनी सहायता दी?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी): (क) और (ख) भारत और भूटान के बीच सहयोग के विविध क्षेत्र हैं। भूटान के विकासात्मक प्रयासों में एक पड़ोसी देश के रूप में भारत मुख्य भागीदार है। भूटान की वर्तमान सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना (1992—97) को दी जाने वाली भारत की विकासात्मक सहायता से संबद्ध परियोजनाओं में निम्नलिखित क्षेत्र सम्मिलित हैं:—

I. जल विद्युत परियोजनाएं और विद्युतीकरण।
II. सड़क और पुलों का निर्माण।
III. वायुपत्तनों का निर्माण।
IV. छात्रवृत्तियों और तकनीकी प्रशिक्षण सहित शैक्षिक क्षेत्र।
V. स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र—अस्पतालों का निर्माण और मलेरिया नियन्त्रण।
VI. पैट्रोलियम, खाद्यान्न और कच्ची सामग्री जैसे आवश्यक पदार्थों की आपूर्ति और भंडारण।
VII. रेडियो-प्रसारण
VIII. औद्योगिक एस्टेट के विकास सहित उद्योग।
IX. भू-वैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण सहित भू-विज्ञान और खानें।
X. सर्वेक्षण।
XI. शहरी विकास।
XII. मठों के पुनरुद्धार जैसी सांस्कृतिक गतिविधियां।
XIII. कृषि।

(ग) विगत तीन वित्तीय वर्षों के दौरान भारत द्वारा भूटान को प्रदान की गई सहायता की राशि निम्न प्रकार है:—

1992-93	53.71 करोड़ रुपए
1993-94	64.49 करोड़ रुपए
1994-95	67.26 करोड़ रुपए
	185.46 करोड़ रुपए

Setting up of an Oil Refinery at Daitari in Orissa

315. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up an oil refinery at Daitari in Orissa with NRI's assistance;

(b) if not, who is going to collaborate with Government for setting up of that oil refinery; and

(c) the details of the capacity of that oil refinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Indian Oil Corporation has, in principle, approval to set up a 6 MMTPA joint venture refinery in East Coast. Government has also approved the proposal of IOC for selection of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) as a joint venture partner with IOC for the refinery.